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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, INFORMATION SECURITY OVERSIGHT OFFICE

SUBJECT: Fundamental Classification Guidance Review

REFERENCES:

- (a) Executive Order 13526 – Classified National Security Information, 29 December 2009
- (b) Information Security Oversight Office memorandum, Fundamental Classification Guidance Review, 27 January 2011
- (c) ODNI memorandum, Fundamental Classification Guidance Review, 26 May 2011
- (d) Information Security Oversight Office memorandum, Reporting Results of Fundamental Classification Guidance Reviews to ISOO, 23 January 2012

The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing this report on our Fundamental Classification Guidance Review as requested in references (a), (b), (c) and (d).

USTR is finalizing its classification guide and has already taken steps to reduce Original Classification Authorities (OCA) from 27 to 7.

USTR's classification guidance review is as follows:

- The number of classification guides reviewed: one.
- The number of classification guides that were consolidated or cancelled: none.
- The number of projects, programs, or categories that were eliminated, revised or, condensed, if any: none.
- The number of documents, topics, categories that were downgraded in classification level, if any: one.
- The number of cases which the duration of classification was modified or the number of cases in which exemptions from declassification was removed: USTR inventoried its classified documents and those that were marked as Originating Agency's Determination Required (OADR) which were more than 25 years old were declassified unless they met the requirements of E.O. 13526 Section 3.3(b).

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